



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Ken Jones  
Serial Number: 10/726,767  
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Title: Surgical Tape Tensioner  
Examiner: Michael G. Mendoza  
Art Unit: 3731

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

Please charge Deposit Account No.50-0392 the amount of \$60.00 in payment for a one-month extension of time. In the event that any additional fees are required for the prosecution of this application, please charge same to Carstens & Cahoon, LLP, Deposit Account No. 50-0392. A one-month extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an additional extension of time is needed, the extension is requested, and please charge the fee for this extension to Carstens & Cahoon, LLP, Deposit Account No. 50-0392.

In response to the correspondence mailed June 15, 2005, the Applicant offers the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 3 of this Response and included in the Appendix are both replacement sheets and annotated sheets showing changes.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page

4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this Response.

**An Appendix** containing replacement sheets and annotated sheets accompanies this Response.